



## **Not Invisible Act**

### **Background**

The Not Invisible Act of 2019 (Public Law 116-166) became law on October 10, 2020. The Not Invisible Act complements Savanna's Act, with its purpose to identify and combat violent crime within Indian lands and against Indians through the creation of a joint commission. In addition, the Department of the Interior (DOI) must designate an official within the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to coordinate prevention efforts, grants, and programs related to missing Indians and the murder and human trafficking of Indians.

### **Overview**

The Not Invisible Act of 2019 aims to address the crisis of missing, murdered, and trafficked American Indians and Alaska Natives by engaging law enforcement, Tribal leaders, federal partners, and service providers, as well as improving coordination across federal agencies. The bill also mandates the creation of an advisory committee on violent crime within Indian lands and against American Indians and Alaska Natives.

### **The Not Invisible Act Commission**

Composed of Tribal leaders, law enforcement, federal partners, service providers, and survivors, the advisory committee will make recommendations to the DOI and Department of Justice (DOJ) on combating violence against American Indians and Alaska Natives. The Commission will develop recommendations to address this crisis of violence by developing:

- Administrative changes to identify, report, and respond effectively to cases of missing persons, murder, and human trafficking of American Indians within Indian lands.
- Best practices for Tribal, federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to follow in combating violent crime against Indians within Indian lands, including missing persons, murder, and human trafficking.
- Guidance on how to address any gaps in services for Indian victims of violent crime.

The Commission will develop and make publicly available recommendations to DOI and DOJ on actions to address violent crime against American Indians and Alaska Natives no later than 18 months after its first meeting. The Not Invisible Act of 2019 requires DOI and DOJ to submit a written response no later than 90 days following receipt of the Commission's recommendations.

*\*The Commission transmitted the report on November 1, 2023.*

*The report can be found here: [www.niwrc.org/not-invisible-act-commission](http://www.niwrc.org/not-invisible-act-commission)*

### **About the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center:**

The National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, Inc. (NIWRC) is a Native-led nonprofit organization dedicated to ending violence against Native women and children. NIWRC provides national leadership in ending gender-based violence in Tribal communities by lifting up the collective voices of grassroots advocates and offering culturally grounded resources, technical assistance and training, and policy development to strengthen Tribal sovereignty.

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